

**DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD
DISTRICT IV**

November 7, 2001 - 7:00 p.m.
Stanley/Aley Community School Center, 1749 S. Martinson
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Members Present

Council Member Bill Gale
Paul Ward
Dorman Blake
Wayne Wells
Bea Vickers
Jerry McGinty
Ed Koon
Iola Crandall
Tom Kessler
Jim Benton

Members Absent

June Bailey

Staff

Officer Anthony Bamberger, Patrol South
Officer Richard Mellard, Patrol West
Ed Bricknell, Lt. Fire Chief
Jack Brown, Director of Environmental
Health
Aaron Hamilton, Neighborhood Assistant
Leah Hoffman, Superintendent of Parks S.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

Council Member Bill Gale called the meeting to order, explaining the purpose of the District Advisory Board as representatives of District IV residents who provide input for consideration in City Council actions. He also noted that everyone would be able to voice their thoughts on the different issues discussed and there would be no time limit placed on any comments.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Gale asked if there were any changes to be made to the September 5th or October 3rd 2001 Minutes. **Wayne Wells** noted that next to the last page, 2nd line Dillmore Representative. **Vickers** moved to accept minutes, **Jerry McGinty** gave a second. Minutes were approved 9-0.

Approval of Agenda

Council Member Gale asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Environmental Health was moved ahead of Parks. **Iola Crandall** moved and **Dorman Blake** gave a 2nd. The motion was approved 9-0.

Public Agenda

1. No items submitted.

Public Works Agenda

2. No items reported at this meeting.

Planning Agenda

3. No items reported at this meeting

Board Agenda

Jack Brown thanked **Leah** for letting him move up on the agenda.

4. **Environmental Health – Jack Brown, Director of Environmental Health**, gave an update on the Gilbert and Mosley water treatment facility at Herman Hill Park. The City of Wichita investigated and identified causes of contamination in the Gilbert and Mosley area and worked to get the area cleaned up. The northern piping for the project has been installed ahead of schedule (5.5 miles). The pipes were installed using a new drilling technique that doesn't require tearing up the streets, which saved a tremendous amount of money for the project. The pipe installed and 13 wells will pump up to 1.2 million gallons of water a day.

The new facility has air strippers to clean the water. Treated water will run to the Arkansas River via a creek. A see through aquarium has been proposed as well at the center as another way to educate the public. Their goal is to educate public and exhibit uses for the cleaned water. The new building will include an environmental education center. Proposed uses include irrigating Herman Hill Park. One company wants to use for industry and possibly to water golf course. A proposal to City Council will be made to use the facility to help conserve groundwater. The deadline to build the facility by February or March. Quiet, small equipment cleans water and volatile organics are driven off. Pumping will go on for 10 or 20 years.

Bill Gale- is the facility going to be southwest of the Police station parking lot? Yes, it will be back away from substation. Only one tree needs to be removed. **Bill Gale-** Will more parking be added? Yes, Environmental Health has worked the school district for exhibits but hopes general public will use it also. The schools offer two programs: Wichita Wet and Wichita Wild. The design council has approved the design of the building. Environmental Health is trying not to interfere with the Frisbee Golf course although two boxes will have to be moved. **Jim Benton** - how will chemicals be disposed of? This system is similar to small dry cleaning business. Small amounts of chemicals will be emitted but no filters are necessary now. They can be added later if necessary. **Benton** – will Public Works monitor the facility? Yes, conceptually the water dept will maintain pipes. Pressure sensors or live break will shut down the system. Water will be monitored in wells. 12 cylinders will treat the water. The state approved a permit for the water and air. **Dorman Blake** – was a risk assessment done? Yes, a risk assessment was done on entire site. The risk to human health was a large component of study. **Bill Gale-** when did this project start? Contamination first started in late 40's early 50's. Officially on that site it was found in 1990 or 1991. KDHE checked it out. Wichita is currently addressing contamination

faster than the 12 to 15 year national average. **Bill Gale**- Who found the contamination? The state health department required a test of industrial sites in their own water wells, 1989 to 90. Coleman did site an assessment and found contamination. **Wayne Wells** - how fast is the plume moving? Contamination is moving less than 1 inch per day, which is water movement speed. **Wayne Wells** - Is it spreading or moving in one direction? They think they have it contained. **Blake** - why did it take so long to find the plume? Found in 18 months. No one used to know what ground water contamination was. There were no standards or requirements before then. **Wayne Wells**- Technology has improved since then also.

5. **Parks Department – Leah Hoffman, Superintendent of Parks South:** Parks and Recreation is divided into maintenance and recreational divisions, north and south. **Leah Hoffman** and **Walt Bratton** are superintendents. **Tim Martz** oversees forestry services. There are 320 acres of parks in District IV and large sports complexes.

Iola Crandall – West Douglas Park has been the talk of improvements in 2000? *It could be in the CIP over the last 10 yrs. and can't remember if anything is planned.* **Ed Koon** – commented on the possible erosion of parks into other facilities i.e. Police in Herman Hill Park, new water facility in Herman Hill, Linwood. Is the trend going to be park space being converted to other uses? *Space has been lost but other spaces have been added.* **Koon** – it's not necessarily bad i.e. Police in Herman Hill helped. He's just concerned with the trend. *It is the intention of Doug Kupper, Director of Parks and Recreation is to maintain and expand green area.* **Bill Gale** – is the Parks department currently working on converting areas to parks? *Parks wants to keep a balance between active and passive recreation.* **Bill Gale** – will the South Lakes facility be getting any playground equipment? *Not at this time but they are working on a proposal for a 4-plex down there for softball bringing in National tournaments and soccer tournaments.* **Bill Gale** – is there any additional parking scheduled for South Lakes? *The new fields will have paved parking but not adding now. The plan is to update parking at all centers. They are trying to take proactive approach to maintenance.*

6. **Fire – Chief Ed Bricknell, Fire Marshall,** presented updates to the National Fire Code. He had to adopt International fire code, which is a maintenance code. He explained **Kurt S.** and OCI's code which is for building, not maintenance. The Fire department has done this in house in the past to fit in with OCI code. This year, he wanted to solicit input from Boards. Some of the issues he discussed: fireworks are illegal unless they fall into the 6 x 6' limit; check fire hydrants, water for fire trucks; make sure clubs aren't over crowded; building code dictates, fire maintains. He finds IFC easier to read. They made about 50 changes to code. **Wayne Wells** – fireplug? *Used to use wooden tubes to carry water, broke those when fire filled with 420 and put out fire.* **Bill Gale** – fire at junkyard? *Sparks fell into titanium shavings covered in oil and caught tires on fire.* **Bill Gale** – did we have to get foam from McConnell? *Yes, foam is dishwashing soap. They had to smother fire, not in violation at junkyard.*

7. **Wichita Assembly – Ed Koon** volunteered to represent DAB IV at the assembly.

Announcements

8. The Board members made announcements.

Officer Anthony Bamberger announced Captain Zumalt is leaving. He is scheduled to speak at several Neighborhood Association meetings. Accommodations will be made to make sure the department is represented. Patrol West had a neighborhood watch party. There are currently 65 open positions with the department with 54 recruits in the waiting.

Officer Richard Mellard announced a female suspect has been charged in the theft of several residents of the Sunflower Neighborhood Association.

Wells – Delano will not have a December meeting. A moratorium has been put on development along Douglas and Seneca but not on the Delano neighborhood. Just along Douglas and Seneca (from McLean to Kellogg). Building facades, signage and curb cuts are major reasons for the moratorium. Attended the McCormick Neighborhood Association and was encouraged by the core group of 3-4 and their desire to build the Neighborhood Association. Wayne handed out the Delano Dispatch.

Jim Benton – Southwest Village NA is preparing for their Dec 11, 2001 Christmas party. They will be having their annual Christmas light contest with judges from outside the area. Chance manufacturing is providing trolleys to tour the area and see the lights. They raised \$900 at their picnic for the Neighborhood Association. **Council Member Gale** and **Mayor Bob Knight** attended. Mayor Knight gave an excellent speech

Bea Vickers – **Officer Bart Brunching** spoke at the Southwest Neighborhood Association meeting. He was a Wichita Police Officer who went to New York City after the September 11, 2001 attacks. He was a dynamic, warm, sincere speaker. **Officer Ron Hunt** also went. **Capt. Zumalt** is scheduled to speak at their next meeting as is Ace Hardware. **Wells** and **Vickers** attended the Neighborhood Patrol training. It covered liabilities, nuisance violations, health, and reporting suspicious activities.

Aaron Hamilton – next month's meeting will have a presentation about the CIP. Reminded members that starting in FY02, there will be \$25,000 for the DAB to work with. Announced Presidents Council will take place November 29, 2001 at City Hall.

Ed Koon – announced the new south branch library visual design has been approved.

Iola Crandall – The Arc will be lighting Christmas lights north on St. Paul from Douglas to 2nd. The Arc made an eight-foot tall banner for the Sunflower Neighborhood Association and a seven-foot tall sunflower. Sunflower NA has created Storm water Drainage committee.

Dorman Blake – Streetlights have been installed at Vandale. Thanked **Bill Gale** and **Paul Gunzelman** for their work on the project and seeing it through. Said there is a big meth lab problem in the area. **Officer Bamberger** said to call the SCAT team at 337-9000.

Tom Kessler – Was selected to serve on the Magnet School Review board.

Officer Mellard asked if we had youth on board for the DAB? **Gale** explained we are working with Wichita West and Wichita South high schools to get representatives.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the District IV Advisory Board will be December 5, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. in the Stanley Neighborhood City Hall. District IV CIP projects is the topic of the agenda

No Action Required.

With no further business, **Vickers** moved that the meeting be adjourned and **Blake** seconded. **Council Member Gale** adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron Hamilton
Neighborhood Assistant